

Passport Application Collection Centres in Karnataka

4464. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Passport Application Collection Centre has been opened at Gulbarga in Karnataka;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to open such Passport Application Collection Centres at Dharwad, Mysore and other places in the State; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to set up a full-fledged passport office in Gulbarga?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) Yes, Sir. Passport Application Collection Centre at Gulbarga has been inaugurated on 1st February, 2001 and it has become functional.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

Issues discussed with Iranian Leaders

4465. PROF. M. SANKARAHNGAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the issues both multilateral and bilateral taken up and discussed with Iranian leaders during the visit of our Prime Minister to Iran;

(b) the details thereof, issue wise;

(c) whether this visit reinvents the old associations with Iran; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) and (b) Prime Minister paid an official visit to Iran, a country with which India shares deep historical ties and civilisational and cultural affinities, from 10—13 April, 2001. During PM's visit both sides discussed issues relating to cooperation on bilateral, regional and international matters. Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to the